

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
RECONVENED MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012.**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chair; Robert Curwen, Martin McCarthy, Howard Austin, Lydia Martinez, Warren Blunt, Council President Thomas McCarthy

OTHERS: City Attorney Mark Anastasi; Linda Grace, Republican Registrar of Voters; Sandy Ayala, Democratic Registrar of Voters; Mr. Kim Brace.

CALL TO RECONVENE.

Council Member Paoletto reconvened the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

Agenda Item 29-11 City Council Provision Of Suitable Polling Places In Council Districts And Definition Of Boundaries Pursuant To Bridgeport Charter, Chapter 5, Sec. 2 (d).

Mr. Kim Brace distributed copies of the colored map showing the Ballot Grouping Areas and a spreadsheet document which contains five different sortings of the districts. He reviewed the details of the document. The various sorting categories, i.e. Local, Federal, etc., is indicated in the heading of each sheet. He indicated that the new redistricting would work best by keeping the various elections separate. There are a few districts that have zero voters, two of which encompass water. Mr. Brace then reviewed how he would suggest the Registrars view the precincts.

Council Member Paoletto said that he had just been informed by the City Attorney that this item did not need to be approved at the upcoming Council Meeting. He said that it would be on the agenda for comment, but that it would remain on the Ordinance agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Martinez asked if the resolution would be completed before the Town Council elections. Atty. Anastasi reviewed the dates and said that if there needed to be a special meeting it should be scheduled before the January 16th meeting.

Council Member Curwen said that he had been under the impression that there was a time constraint. Atty. Anastasi said that one issue that had been time constrained was the need to know which households were located in the various districts. Now that the District lines have been determined by the State, the Registrars are content. Precinct lines and polling places will need to be determined as soon as possible, but the item does not have to be approved tonight.

Another gentleman then spoke about how the polling locations would be handled in even and odd years. The reason the map shows 43 districts is due to the State's redistricting for Federal and State elections, but nothing has changed for the local Council elections.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 29-11 CITY COUNCIL PROVISION OF SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND DEFINITION OF BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO BRIDGEPORT CHARTER, CHAPTER 5, SEC. 2 (d).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED. UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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